

**ROTARY CUTTER BED HARVESTER WITH
NON-AUGER CONVEYING MEANS FOR OUTBOARD CUTTERS**

Abstract

5 A crop harvester of the rotary cutter bed type has a
series of rotary cutters extending across the path of
travel of the machine and rotatable about individual
upright axes. The cutter bed extends in opposite direc-
10 tions beyond the ends of a central discharge opening to the
conditioner rolls. Cutters located outboard of the opening
direct cut crop materials along the front of the cutter bed
until the opposite extremities of the discharge openings
are reached, whereupon pairs of cooperating, oppositely
15 rotating cutters in front of the opening function to propel
the crop material rearwardly with the main flow of cut
materials. Alternative forms of conveying means are
provided in association with the outboard cutters for
moving the cut crop centrally without the use of augers or
20 other additional gathering mechanism behind the row of
cutters.